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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Byskov et al.

Application No. 10/058,436

Filed: January 23, 2002

For: REGULATION OF MEIOSIS

Group Art Unit: 1651

Examiner: Sandra E. Saucier

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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 2, 2003, which sets forth a requirement for election of a species, Applicants hereby elect a method of regulating the meiosis in a mammalian germ cell in vivo, which method comprises administering to a mammal in need thereof 4,4-dimethyl-5 α -cholesta-8,14,24-triene-3 β -ol in an amount effective to regulate meiosis (i.e., the subject matter of claim 21), for examination, *in the event* that no generic claim is found allowable (currently claim 1 is generic).

It is respectfully submitted that the elected claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees in connection with this application and to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1447. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution and allowance of this application, the Examiner is hereby invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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